



Summer Edition
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Navajo Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention Program

Quarterly Update for Partners/Providers



Mobile Services in Kaibeto

Kaibeto is a small community/chapter in the northwest part of the Navajo Nation. On a windy May day, a partnership between Canyonlands Healthcare and the Navajo Breast & Cervical Cancer Prevention (BCCP) Program brought resources together for a women's wellness event in this community. Canyonlands recommended doing a community-based screening event. This was the first time in 5 years the program had an off-clinic mobile mammography screening. Canyonlands brought their mobile van to offer cervical screenings and other services while the mobile mammography contractor was on site. 15 mammograms and 7 cervical screenings were done on that day.

What made the day even more special was the thankfulness of the people who were served directly in their community. A lady expressed that she had not had a mammogram or pap test in years due to her distance from services. Another lady was thankful for receiving Navajo language education that thoroughly explained the importance of screening. Others had non-screening questions, like a gentleman who had concerns about his medication and was served by a Canyonlands staff. They told him about services provided by their Pharmacist. There was also interest in when will Canyonlands mobile van return, possibly for Covid booster shots. The opportunity to provide health care through this partnership is what the program continuously strives towards.



Above: Canyonlands Healthcare Mobile Unit. Below: Mobile Mammography Van



Partners Serving New Mexico Women

On April 28 & 29, 2022, the partnership between the Navajo Program, Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS) and the New Mexico BCC Program provided 34 women mobile mammography screening at Gallup and Thoreau PMS clinics. This was the first time Navajo and New Mexico grantee cancer programs worked together on direct screening services to underserved clients in communities on or bordering the Navajo Nation. Both programs brought financial resources to cover client cost for these two events. Clients included a Spanish speaking woman who the PMS clinic provided translation services. All Navajo Program staff were involved in providing client services, including our Data Evaluator assisting clients who needed to use the lift ramp. Originally, Ramah, NM was intended to be a site but it was mutually agreed more logistics needed to be done first. The next mobile visits will take place on June 14 (Thoreau) and June 15 (Gallup) at the PMS clinics.



Above: At PMS location in Gallup on Aztec Avenue. Below: At PMS Thoreau Family Health Center.



Next Five Year Project Period

The Program will commence an updated set of strategies at the end of June 2022 for the next five years. These strategies will focus on increasing cancer screening among low income, un/under-insured women who live in communities on or bordering the Navajo Nation. We will continue to partner with clinics to expand implementing evidence-based interventions.

Mobile Mammography Data:

Comparing same time period (Sep—May) for PY 05 and PY 04, Program clients increased year-to-year by 39% with average program clients per event going from 9.7 to 10.4. Overall clients increased 36.5% from last year with an additional 300 women receiving services. Average for all clients served per event rose from 18.9 to 19.7 with averages expected to change at the end of June 2022 with 22 mobile events set.

